

## **AU GOLD CORP.**

### **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS – QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This is Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for Au Gold Corp. (formerly Schooner Capital Corporation) (the "Company") and has been prepared based on information known to management as of August 17, 2023. This MD&A is intended to help the reader understand the consolidated financial statements of Au Gold Corp.

The Company recognizes environmental, social and governance ("ESG") best practices as key components to responsible mineral exploration and development. The Company's exploration programs are conducted to meet or exceed environmental regulations, while respecting the communities and environments in which we operate. The Company strives to earn its social license with local and indigenous communities by meeting with stakeholders, regulators, and other concerned parties before, and during, exploration work to understand traditional and cultural issues important to these communities. The Company's approach is based on transparency, open communication, inclusivity, and respect, to better enable social and economic benefit for communities as well as value for investors.

The following information should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three months ended June 30, 2023 and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023 and the related notes thereto, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Management is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the audited consolidated financial statements, including the maintenance of appropriate information systems, procedures, and internal controls. Management also ensures that information used internally or disclosed externally, including the consolidated financial statements and MD&A, is complete and reliable.

The Company's board of directors follows recommended corporate-governance guidelines for public companies to ensure transparency and accountability to shareholders. The board's audit committee meets with management regularly to review the financial statements, including the MD&A, and to discuss other financial, operating and internal-control matters.

All currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

#### **MAJOR INTERIM PERIOD OPERATING MILESTONES**

On May 23, 2023, the Company provided an update for the 2023 exploration season at Ponderosa. It had the potential to host a significant gold discovery. The company believed the Tomahawk and Flat Iron targets associated with secondary structural elements parallel to a primary northerly trending structural system newly termed the "Ponderosa Structural Corridor" (PSC) which bisects the property along its main access road through the central part of the claim block. This structural feature was dextrally offset with en-echelon geometry and hosts a series of intermittent moderately- to well-defined gold-arsenic soil geochemical anomalies along

a 1.7 km trend from the T-Bone to the Cattle Guard South zones and the Ribeye Zone. Recent and historical gold-bearing prospect samples largely fall within or very near the traces of the PSC.

Infill soil sampling of strategic gaps along the PSC commenced shortly as conditions permit. A series of RAB drillhole fences designed to test the best coincident gold-arsenic geochemical anomalies and areas of gold bearing surface prospecting samples along the PSC trend from the T-Bone to the Cattle Guard zones and the Ribeye target. The RAB program evaluated a much broader area both laterally and vertically below the relative position of the Tomahawk target to identify epithermal mineralization associated with structural feeder zones.

## **INTERIM PERIOD FINANCIAL CONDITION**

### Capital Resources

The Company is aware of the current conditions in the financial markets and has planned accordingly. The Company's current treasury and the future cash flows from equity issuances and the potential exercise of warrants, finders' warrants and options, along with the planned developments within the Company will allow its efforts to continue throughout 2024. If the market conditions prevail or improve, the Company will make adjustment to budgets accordingly.

### Liquidity

As at June 30, 2023, the Company had a working capital of \$157,495 (March 31 2022 \$214,432). As at June 30, 2023, \$188,158 was held in cash (March 31, 2022 - \$213,853). The total cash decrease of \$25,695 was due to cash used in: (a) operating activities of \$23,295; and (b) exploration and evaluation assets of \$2,400.

### Operations

#### **For the three months ended June 30, 2023 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2022:**

The Company recorded a net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2023 of \$27,119 (loss per share - \$0.00) compared to a net loss of \$47,548 (loss per share - \$0.00) for the three months ended June 30, 2022.

The expenses amounted to \$27,119 (2022 - \$48,915), a decrease of \$21,796. The change was primarily due to decreases in: (a) accounting and audit (2023 - \$13,985; 2022 - \$17,578); (b) consulting (2023 - \$7,000; 2022 - \$24,000) (c) filing and transfer agent fees (2023 - \$1,237; 2022 - \$3,924) and (d) marketing and shareholders communication (2023 - \$357; 2022 - \$1,300); while being offset by increases in (a) legal (2023 - \$1,670; 2022 - \$370) and (b) insurance (2023 - \$2,227; 2022 - \$1,438) as the Company was conserving cash while carrying out the exploration program at its Ponderosa property during the current period.

## **SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the period, there was no other significant transaction between related parties that has not been disclosed in this MD&A.

## COMMITMENTS, EXPECTED OR UNEXPECTED, OR UNCERTAINTIES

As of the date of the MD&A, the Company has no outstanding commitments.

Other than disclosed in this MD&A – Quarterly Highlights, the Company does not have any commitments, expected or unexpected, or uncertainties.

## RISK FACTORS

In our MD&A filed on SEDAR July 28, 2023 in connection with our annual financial statements (the “Annual MD&A”), we have set out our discussion of the risk factors *Exploration risks*, *Market risks* and *Financing risk* which we believe are the most significant risks faced by the Company. An adverse development in any one risk factor or any combination of risk factors could result in material adverse outcomes to the Company’s undertakings and to the interests of stakeholders in the Company including its investors. Readers are cautioned to take into account the risk factors to which the Company and its operations are exposed. To the date of this document, there have been no significant changes to the risk factors set out in our Annual MD&A.

## DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

The authorized share capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. The following is a summary of the Company’s outstanding share data as at June 30, 2023:

	Issued and outstanding	
	June 30, 2023	August 17, 2023
Common shares outstanding	33,655,824	33,655,824
Options	2,400,000	2,400,000
Warrants	5,500,000	5,500,000
Fully diluted common shares outstanding	41,555,824	41,555,824

## QUALIFIED PERSON

Mr. Marc Blythe, MBA, P.Eng. is the Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101. The technical content of this document was prepared under the supervision of Mr. Blythe.

### Cautionary Statements

This document contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities regulations. All statements other than statements of historical fact herein, including, without limitation, statements regarding exploration results and plans, and our other future plans and objectives, are forward-looking statements that involve various risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, our estimates of exploration investment, the scope of our exploration programs, and our expectations of ongoing administrative costs. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, and future events and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our

expectations are disclosed in the Company's documents filed from time to time via SEDAR with the Canadian regulatory agencies to whose policies we are bound. Forward-looking statements are based on the estimates and opinions of management on the date the statements are made, and we do not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements should conditions or our estimates or opinions change, except as required by law. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, including risks associated with mineral exploration, price volatility in the mineral commodities we seek, and operational and political risks. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.